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SUB: REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR F-104

REF: BRUSSELS 0062

1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN
ELSLANDE ON ANOTHER SUBJECT YESTERDAY TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THE
IMPORTANCE WHICH WE ATTACH TO CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE
AMERICAN COMPETITORS IN THE GOB CHOICE OF A REPLACEMENT FOR THE
F-104. I RELATED TO HIM THAT I HAD ALREADY MENTIONED THIS
SUBJECT TO DEFENSE MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS AND HAD BEEN ASSURED

THAT THE BELGIAN DECISION WOULD BE BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON ECONOMIC
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AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER

THAT WE HAD EXPERIENCE WITH MOST ADVANCED TECHNIQUES FOR MAKING THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHARE, IF DESIRED.

2. I ALSO OUTLINED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE LONG HISTORY OF COOPERATION IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL, MATERIAL, AND PERSONNEL FIELD BETWEEN BELGIAN AIR FORCE AND AMERICAN AIR FORCE. I EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE CHOICE OF A NON-AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WOULD BREAK A LINK THAT WAS SO IMPORTANT TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE AGREED THAT THESE WERE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HE WOULD KEEP IN MIND DURING THE COURSE OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON THE NEW AIRCRAFT. STRAUZ-HUPE

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